

Dear Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler,

My life couldn't be any more different than yours or your characters in Florence Robinson: the Story of A Jazz Age Girl. Your book has made me think more about the history of segregation. It has also made me realize the world around me and how unfairly African Americans were treated at one time, and that racism is still here today. This book has made me interested in African American history and learning more about my ancestry.

I just can't imagine being called a Negro, being a slave, or not getting treated fairly just because of my skin color. Sometimes I want to cry when I think about it. I now understand why my dad wants me to learn about African American history. In school, we have not learned about African Americans much. However, because of you, I have decided to research some inspirational African Americans that have impacted the world.

Sometimes I wonder what my life would be like today if African Americans were treated like they were in the past. Would I ever be happy or looking forward to the next day? Your book has made me think of this and made me not take every day for granted, and to be thankful for what I have.

After finishing your book, I looked back and thought to myself about the challenging parts in it and how some African Americans really did have to go through things like that. When I was little, I didn't understand what people meant by racism, slavery, or segregation, but after reading and comprehending your book, I can feel a level of maturity in myself.

I remember finding your book and thinking this is the book for me. It's amazing what is in this world, but at the end of the day segregation, slavery, and racism don't matter. From reading this book I have a better understanding on not just African Americans, but of the world. No matter what you look like we are all human.

This book has been truly a miracle.

Sincerely,

Anaiya Rice